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SUBJECT: EMERGING GOJ POSITION ON CUBANA CRASH?

1. TWO PROMINENT "UNOFFICIAL SPOKESMEN" FOR THE GOJ AND THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) HAVE SPOKEN OUT ON CUBANA CRASH LINKING IT TO THE CIA AND ALLEGED US EFFORTS TO "DESTABILIZE" JAMAICA. IN OCTOBER 15 PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH PNP, LONG TIME "UNOFFICIAL MOUTHPIECE" NEMBARD CLAIMED THAT BARBADOS' NEW PRIME MINISTER, TOM ADAMS, HAS BEEN FORCED TO "CHANGE HIS TUNE IN FACE OF TERRORIST ATTACK ON CUBANA PLANE." NEMBARD SAYS, "NO ONE CAN BE SO NAIVE AS TO BELIEVE THAT CUBAN TERRORISTS DO NOT HAVE BACKING OF CIA. DESTRUCTION WILL INCLUDE THE OPERATIONS OF AIR JAMAICA," HE ASSERTS. NEMBARD ASKS FOR A CONFERENCE OF CARIBBEAN COMMON-WEALTH GOVERNMENTS TO CALL ON THE US TO ACT AGAINST THE CUBAN TERRORISTS AND TO CALL-OFF CIA SUPPORT. "IS IT THAT WE ARE STILL WITNESSING THE UNFOLDING OF THE DESTABILIZATION PLAN AGAINST THIS ISLAND?" HE ASKS.

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2. NEMBARD LINE ECHOES POSITION TAKEN EARLIER

THIS WEEK BY ANOTHER OFT-USED GOVERNMENT
SPOKESMAN, REX NETTLEFORD, WHO EXPRESSED VIEW ON
JBC THAT TOM ADAMS MUST HAVE BEEN FORCED TO SWALLOW
BITTER PILL OVER CUBANA CRASH, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF HIS PREVIOUS ASSERTION THAT U.S. WAS NOT TRYING
TO DESTABILIZE THE CARIBBEAN.

3. COMMENT: GOJ OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN HAVE SO FAR
DECLINED SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON CUBANA CRASH.
HOWEVER, NEMBARD ARTICLE AND NETTLEFORD REMARKS
FORCE US TO ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE TRIAL
BALLOONS AND WHETHER OR NOT GOJ MAY BE CONSIDERING
USEFULNESS OF ASSERTING A CIA/CUBANA CRASH LINK FOR
ITS OWN PURPOSES.
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